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AND THIS TIME HE'S THE TARGET!
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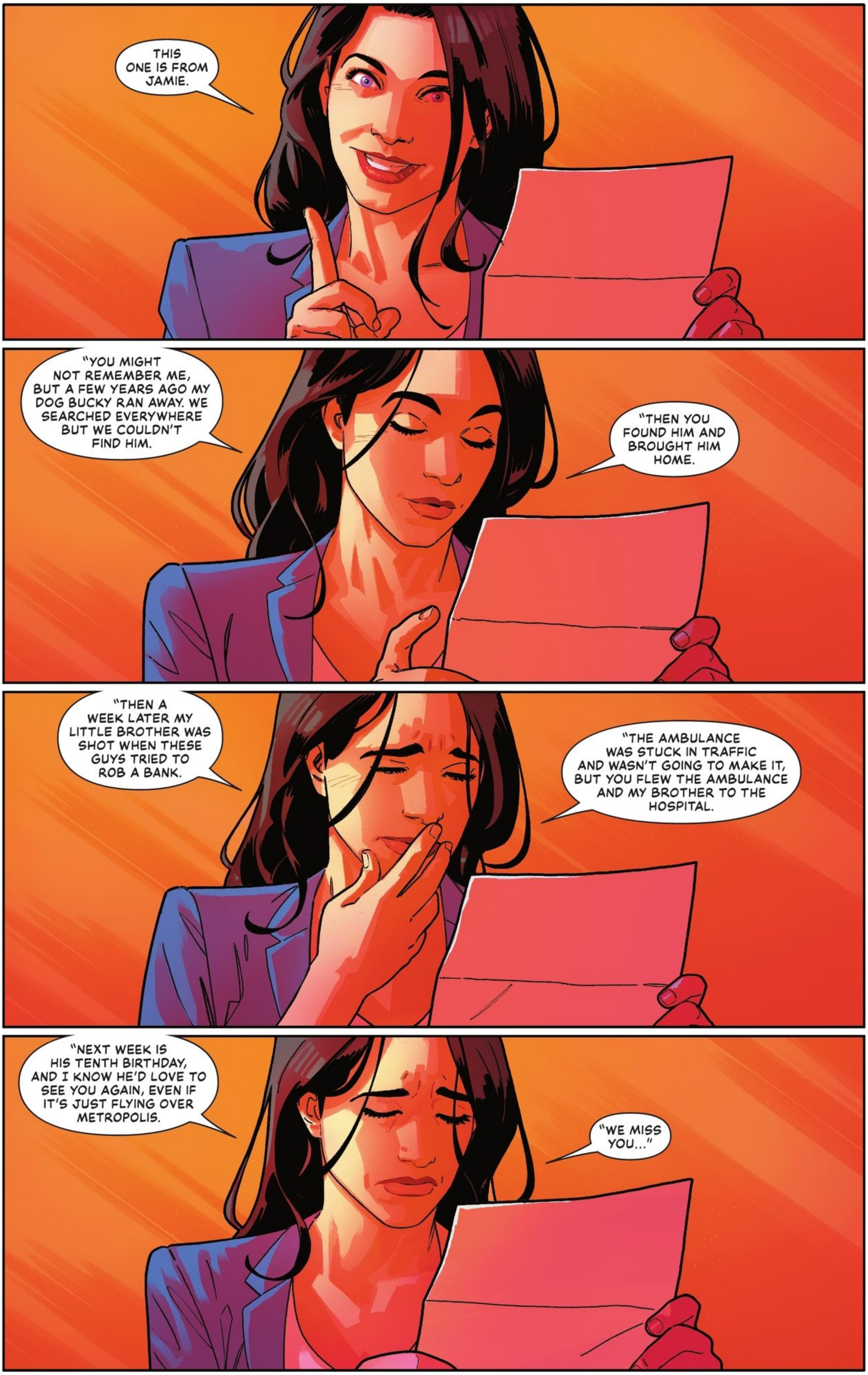
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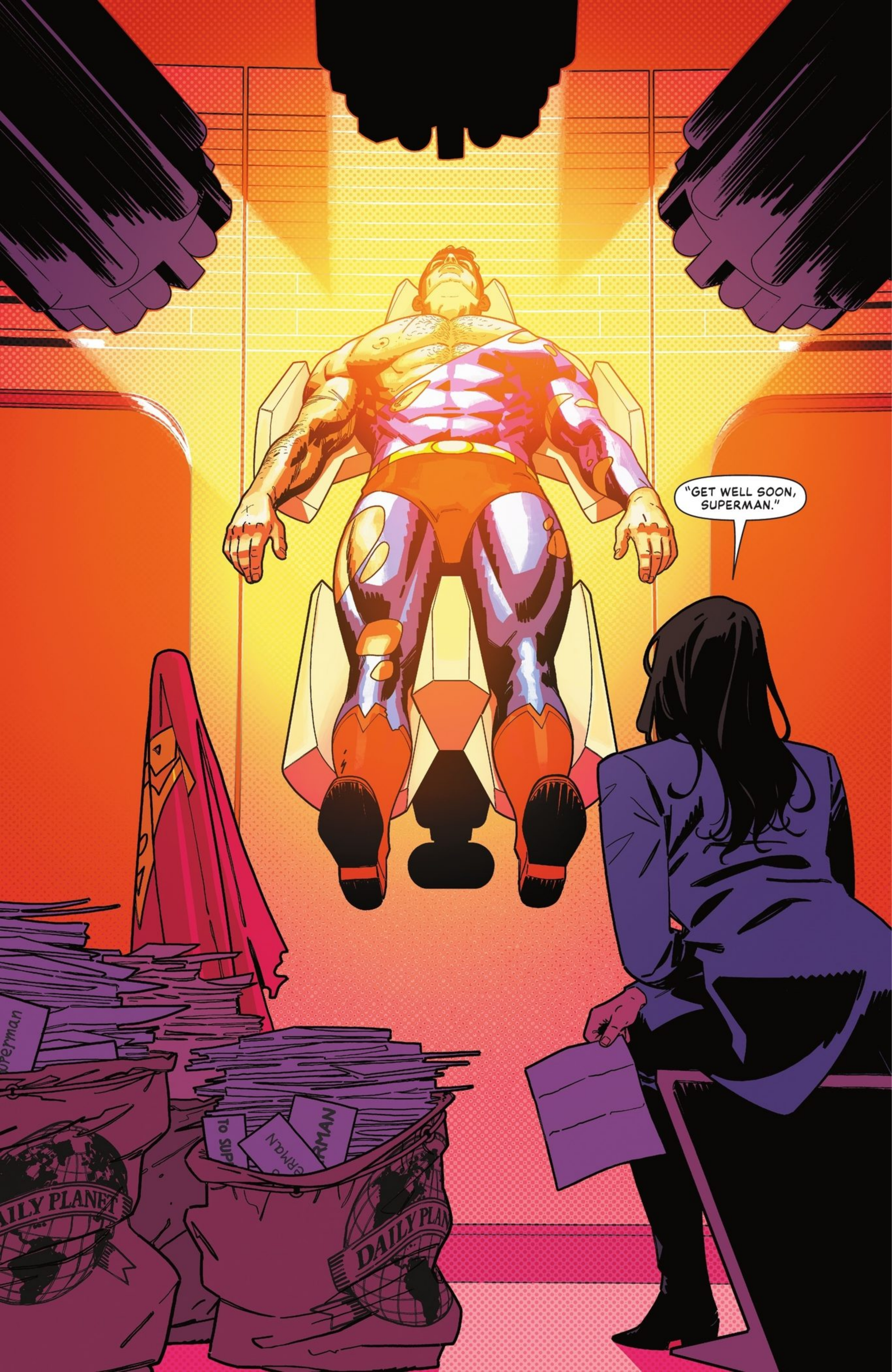
"YOU MIGHT NOT REMEMBER ME, BUT A FEW YEARS AGO MY DOG BUCKY RAN AWAY. WE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE BUT WE COULDN'T FIND HIM.
"THEN YOU FOUND HIM AND BROUGHT HIM HOME.
"THEN A WEEK LATER MY LITTLE BROTHER WAS SHOT WHEN THESE GUYS TRIED TO ROB A BANK.
"THE AMBULANCE WAS STUCK IN TRAFFIC AND WASN'T GOING TO MAKE IT, BUT YOU FLEW THE AMBULANCE AND MY BROTHER TO THE HOSPITAL.
"NEXT WEEK IS HIS TENTH BIRTHDAY, AND I KNOW HE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FLYING OVER METROPOLIS.
"WE MISS YOU..."


"GET WELL SOON, SUPERMAN."
DAILY PLANET
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to SUPERMAN
to SUPERMAN
TO SUPERMAN

LOIS LANE, MEET CLARK KENT.

I DO.

WE'LL CALL HIM JON...AFTER YOUR DAD.

OKAY, GET IT TOGETHER, LOIS...
THIS ONE IS FROM SEAN...

The last son of a dying world, Kal-El came to Earth with powers and abilities beyond those of mortal humans. He was found and raised by a kindly couple in Smallville, Kansas, and imbued with the values of truth and justice by his adoptive parents. Now serving as a reporter for a major metropolitan newspaper, Clark Kent takes to the skies to use his gifts for the betterment of the world as...

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Lex Luthor's past has come back to haunt him—in the form of the deadly Dr. Pharm and Mr. Graft! The latest skeleton unearthed from Luthor's closet? The telekinetic powerhouse known as **THE CHAINED,** who unleashed his righteous fury on Luthor's only defender: Superman! The hard-fought battle was won by the Man of Steel...but at a terrible cost...

AFTERMATH

Superman created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Superboy created by Jerry Siegel.
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OUR MAN OF STEEL HAS SHOWN US HOW FAR HE IS WILLING TO GO TO PROTECT US AND THE CITY HE CALLS HOME.
AND WE NEED TO REPAY HIM.
METROPOLIS IS NOT A CITY OF SECRETS... BUT A CITY OF PEOPLE.
SURVIVORS WHO WANT A BETTER TOMORROW FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
TODAY I'M OFFICIALLY PUTTING MY CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR ON HOLD.
IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO WHILE OUR CITY AND SUPERMAN HEAL.
SUPERMAN HAS INSPIRED US TO HELP EACH OTHER IN HIS ABSENCE. TO BE GOOD TO EACH OTHER...

"...AND NOT LET THE BAD GUYS WIN."

I REMEMBER THE DAY YOU WERE BORN LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.

YOU WERE MY HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD, BUT WITH EACH PASSING DAY I COULD SEE YOU WERE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER.

STRYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY.

SO SMART...BUT ***BLIND*** TO THE TRAGEDY YOU CREATE IN YOUR WAKE.

AND HERE WE ARE. ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR CREATIONS NEARLY DESTROYS THE DAMN CITY. ***AGAIN.***

WHERE IS SHE, MOTHER?

LENA CAN'T ***BE*** IN METROPOLIS. YOU ***KNOW*** WHY.

TRY TELLING HER THAT.

YOUR REBELLIOUS DAUGHTER DECIDED SHE WANTS TO STAY IN METROPOLIS, AND CONSIDERING YOUR CURRENT ***SITUATION*** I DOUBT THERE IS ANYTHING ***YOU*** CAN DO ABOUT IT.

I CAN'T IMAGINE HER WANTING TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL.

PLEASE, SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ***YEARS AGO.*** SEEMS SHE'S INHERITED YOUR ***INTELLECT.*** LET'S HOPE SHE DODGED ALL THAT ***FAILURE*** OF YOURS.

SHE EVEN GOT HERSELF A JOB.

WHERE?

SUPERCORP.

WHOA.

SO THIS WILL KEEP HIM CONTAINED?

FOR NOW.

WE'VE USED THE TECHNOLOGY PIONEERED BY YOUR FATHER TO KEEP SAM STRYKER, AHEM...*THE CHAINED,* FROM ESCAPING. BUT IT'S JUST A TEMPORARY SOLUTION UNTIL WE CAN GET THE PROPER CELL BUILT AT STRYKER'S.

NOW COME ALONG. THERE IS A *LOT* FOR YOU TO SEE HERE AT SUPERCORP.

BUT I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS...

PERHAPS I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.

WHAT ARE *YOU* SUPPOSED TO BE?

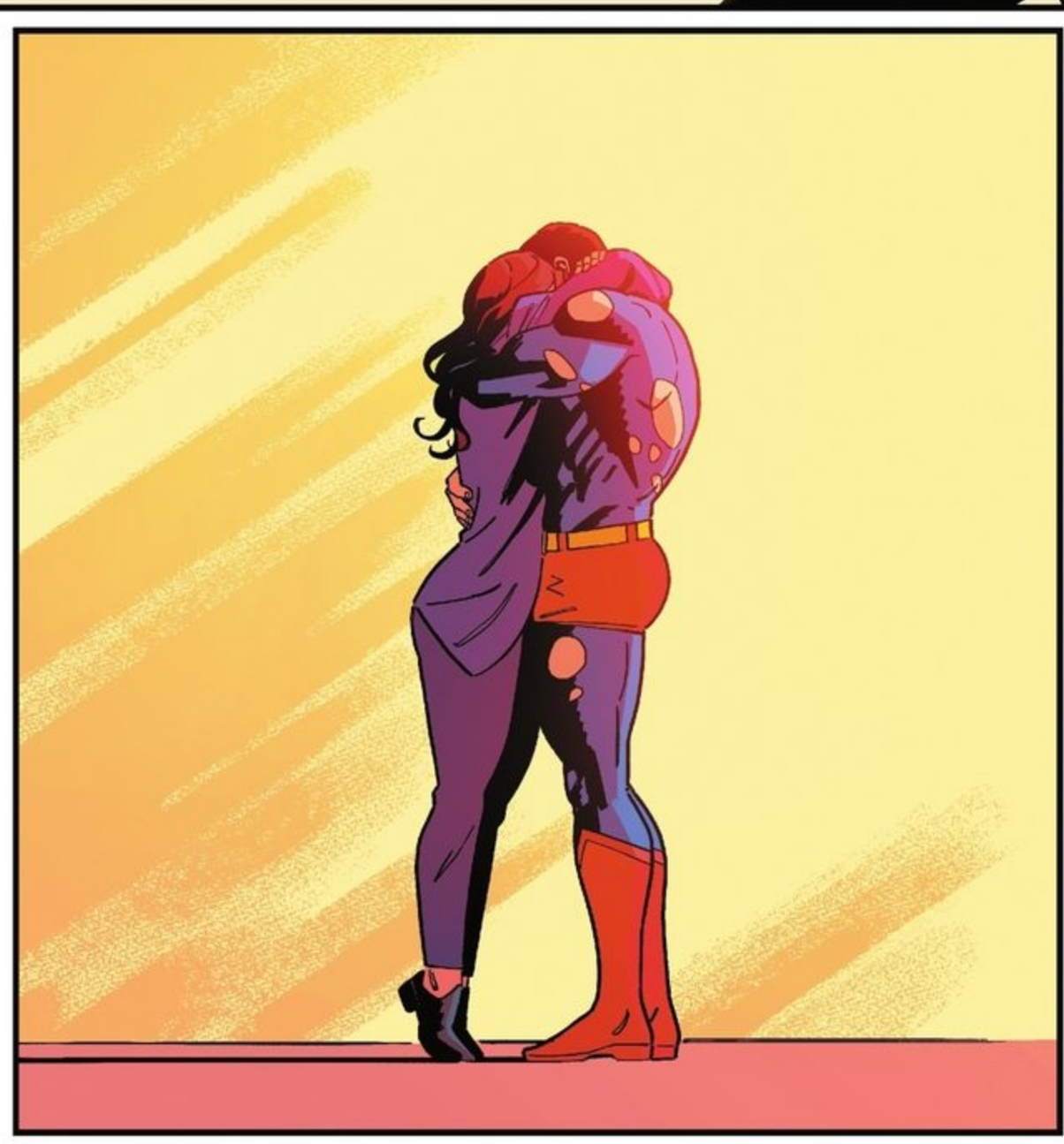
I AM *LL-01.* A PROGRAM DESIGNED BY YOUR FATHER TO ASSIST SUPERMAN.

I CAN ALSO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE, *LENA.*

OH REALLY...?

VACATION, MS. LANE?
ARE YOU SURE NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME...?
CLARK AND I JUST NEEDED A FEW DAYS IN THE SUN. BEACHES AND SAND, Y'KNOW?
WELL, THE STAFF IS SORT OF FREAKING OUT, AND PRODUCTION NEEDS YOUR SIGN-OFF FOR WHAT GOES ON THE FRONT PAGE TOMORROW MORNING.
AND Y'KNOW... IF YOU'RE GONE, NOBODY KNOWS WHO IS IN CHARGE.
YOU'RE IN CHARGE, JIMMY.
YOU DECIDE WHAT GOES ON THE FRONT PAGE.
I GOTTA GO. SURF'S UP!
...ME...IN CHARGE...?
..."SURF'S UP"...?
YOU'RE A WORSE LIAR THAN ME.

REMIND ME TO WRITE JAMIE BACK AND TELL HIM I REMEMBER HIM AND HIS BROTHER.
I NEED TO WRITE HIM A BIRTHDAY CARD...



DID I JUST PUT JIMMY OLSEN IN CHARGE OF THE *DAILY PLANET*?
I THINK YOU DID.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WE'VE ALL BEEN TAKING TURNS KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU. WE DON'T TRUST SUPERCORP...
AND I GUESS THAT'S MY CUE.

BUT I ASSURE YOU, SUPERMAN HAS BEEN UNDER OUR VERY BEST CARE.
YOU TWO SHOULD BE CAREFUL, LOIS.
I LET YOU IN HERE AS AN OLD FAVOR, BUT WE CAN'T LET OTHERS CONNECT THE DOTS.
THAT WOULD BE... TRAGIC.

I WAS JUST INTERVIEWING SUPERMAN FOR THE DAILY PLANET, MERCY.
NOTHING--
OH, PLEASE.
YOU THINK LEX DIDN'T FACTOR ME INTO HIS WHOLE "CLARK KENT SECRET-IDENTITY MIND BOMB"?*
*AS IF YOU COULD FORGET ACTION COMICS #1050 --PK

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP HERE, MERCY. BUT IT'S TIME I GOT BACK OUT THERE AND FOUND PHARM AND GRAFT.
THEY NEED TO BE STOPPED BEFORE THEY POISON SOMEONE ELSE.

I'M SORRY, WHAT?
NOT ONLY DID THE CHAINED DO A NUMBER ON YOU, BUT YOU ALSO HAVE INTENSE KRYPTONITE POISONING. YOU CANNOT BE EXPOSED TO KRYPTONITE LIKE THAT AGAIN.

YOU NEED TO HEAL.
A LOT.
I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT I AGREE WITH MERCY. LET SOMEONE ELSE HANDLE THE INVESTIGATION WHILE YOU REST.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR WORRIES, I DO. BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME.
WHEN I WAS FIGHTING THE CHAINED, HE TALKED ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGED BY LUTHOR...
I KNOW WHO PHARM AND GRAFT'S NEXT TARGET IS...

"MARILYN MOONLIGHT."

IF YOUR MIND IS MADE UP, YOU ***COULD*** WEAR THE PROTECTIVE ARMOR THAT MR. LUTHOR DEVELOPED FOR YOU. THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP YOU SAFE FROM KRYPTONITE...

MAYBE. BUT IT NEEDS AN UPDATE.

I HAVE MY ***OWN*** IDEAS. I'LL JUST NEED SOME TOOLS.

I NEED TO REESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH LUTHOR IN HIS CELL...

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND MOONLIGHT?

DIDN'T YOU SAY ***CAT*** HAS BEEN INTERVIEWING MOONLIGHT FOR A COVER FEATURE...?

BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?

A LOVELY VIEW OF THE WRECKAGE AND LIVES RUINED BELOW.
I KNEW IT WOULD DRAW YOU HERE.

I GO WHERE I'M NEEDED.
AND I'M NOT PLAYING ANY OF YOUR GAMES WITH LEX, GRAFT.

MARILYN. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
YOU'RE NOT LIKE PARASITE, OR SILVER BANSHEE. YOU'RE ONE OF US.
IF YOU WORK WITH ME, YOU CAN FINALLY GET REVENGE ON LEX AND THE CITY THAT TURNED YOU INTO THIS...GHOSTLY CURSE.
YOUR HISTORY WITH METROPOLIS IS AS LONG AS MINE...

I REMEMBER YOU AND YOUR FORKED TONGUE.
NOTHING BUT A SNAKE OIL SALESMAN.
JUST LIKE YOUR MAMA.

YOU DARE SPEAK OF MY MOTHER IN THAT WAY?
YOU ARE NOTHING BUT AN UNGRATEFUL--

BOOM!

IT ONLY TOOK A FEW MONTHS, BUT YOU ARE WEARING HIS UNIFORM. LEX MUST BE IMPRESSED.

I'M NOT.

WHATEVER ISSUE YOU HAVE WITH LUTHOR, YOU CAN TAKE UP WITH ME.

YOU HAVE MESSED WITH TOO MANY LIVES, AND IT STOPS **NOW.** LEAVE MOONLIGHT **ALONE.**

...OF BATTLE!
CLICK
CLICK

ACTIVATE THE E.M.P. BUILT INTO THE SUIT. IT WILL SHOCK GRAFT WHILE SHUTTING HIM DOWN.
I REMOVED THAT.
THIS SUIT SHOULD *PROTECT ME.* NOT *HURT OTHERS.*

I BUILT YOU A TANK AND YOU TURNED IT INTO AN AMBULANCE. *SHAMEFUL.*
YOU AND I ARE DUE FOR A VERY LONG CONVERSATION.

WE'LL CATCH UP LATER.

SUPERMAN! NOW!
TSH
TSH
TSH

AH!

BLAM
BLAM
ZZART

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WISE, SUPERMAN? THE TINIEST CRACK IN YOUR ARMOR COULD LET IN MY KRYPTONITE.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE A CITY BOY, GRAFT.

BUT I'VE BEEN LUCKY TO CALL METROPOLIS *HOME.*
IT'S A PLACE OF HARD-WORKING PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR THEIR LIVES.

AND YOU TRIED TO TAKE THAT FROM THEM.

SO EVEN IF THIS ARMOR DID CRACK...

...I'D EAT KRYPTONITE IF IT MEANT STOPPING YOU.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND, SUPERMAN.
I DON'T NEED TO HIT YOU WITH MY KRYPTONITE KLAW.
I ONLY NEED HER.
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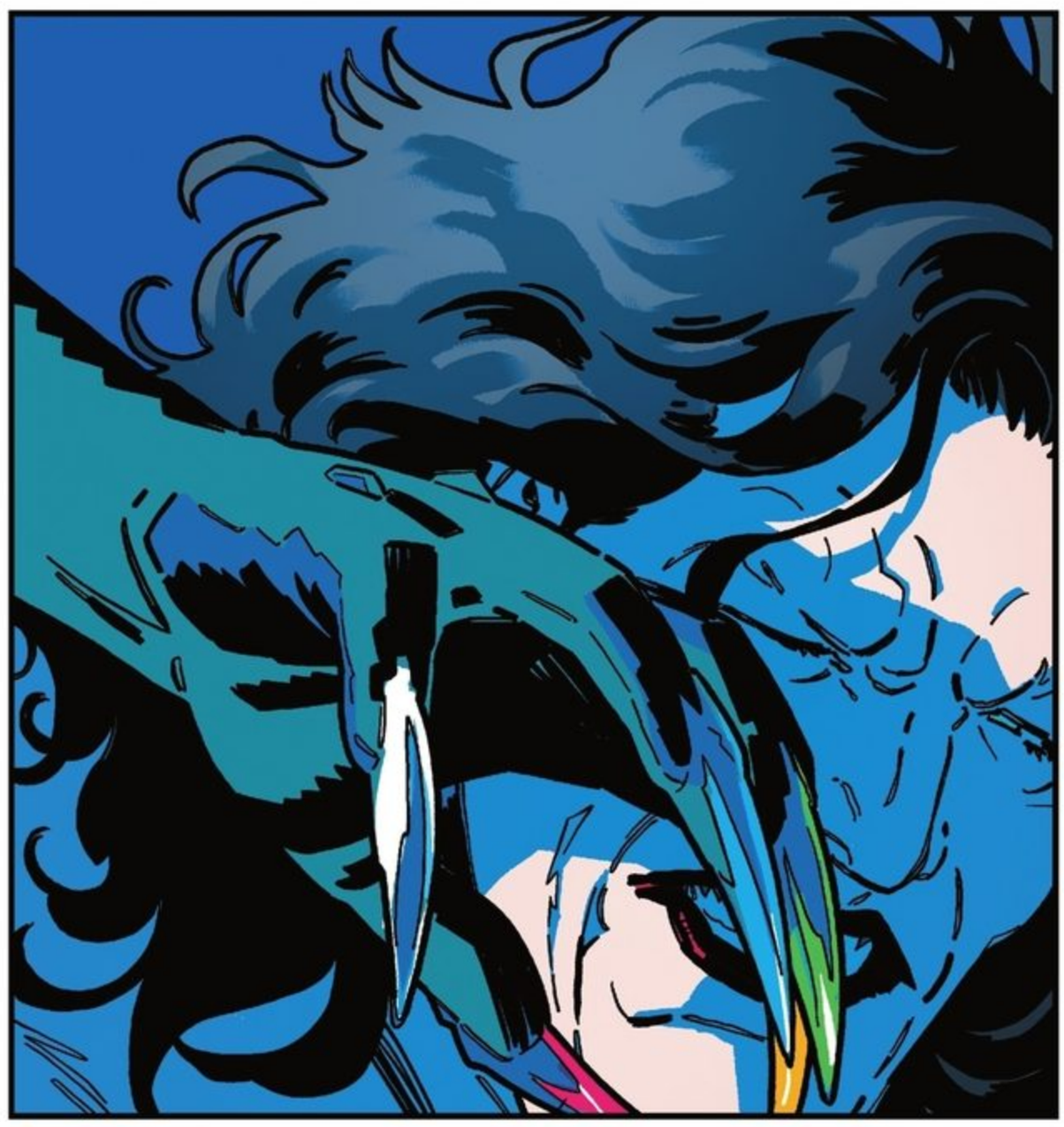
SHHH



FASCINATING.
YOU MUST LOVE LIFE'S LITTLE SURPRISES.
NOW WE CAN MOVE TO *PHASE TWO*. BROTHER WILL BE SO PLEASED.

SUPERMAN? WHAT HAPPENED?
SUPERMAN?!

HE'S GONE, BOSS.
NO TRACE OF SUPERMAN...

"...ANYWHERE..."
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METROPOLIS EXPRESS CO.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR TRIP TODAY.

RECENTLY, MY FAMILY HAS HAD QUITE A FEW TROUBLES IN OUR TRAVELS.
HEINOUS BANDITS STEAL FROM US AT EVERY TURN. WE NEED PROTECTION.
YOU SEE...

...MY DARLING BOYS ARE YOUNG INVENTORS.
VISIONARIES!

AND WHAT THEY HAVE BUILT HERE IS PRECIOUS CARGO.
IT WILL TURN METROPOLIS INTO THE CITY OF TOMORROW.
THAT'S CATCHY.
TAP TAP

TNG TNG

YOU SHOULD COIN THAT.

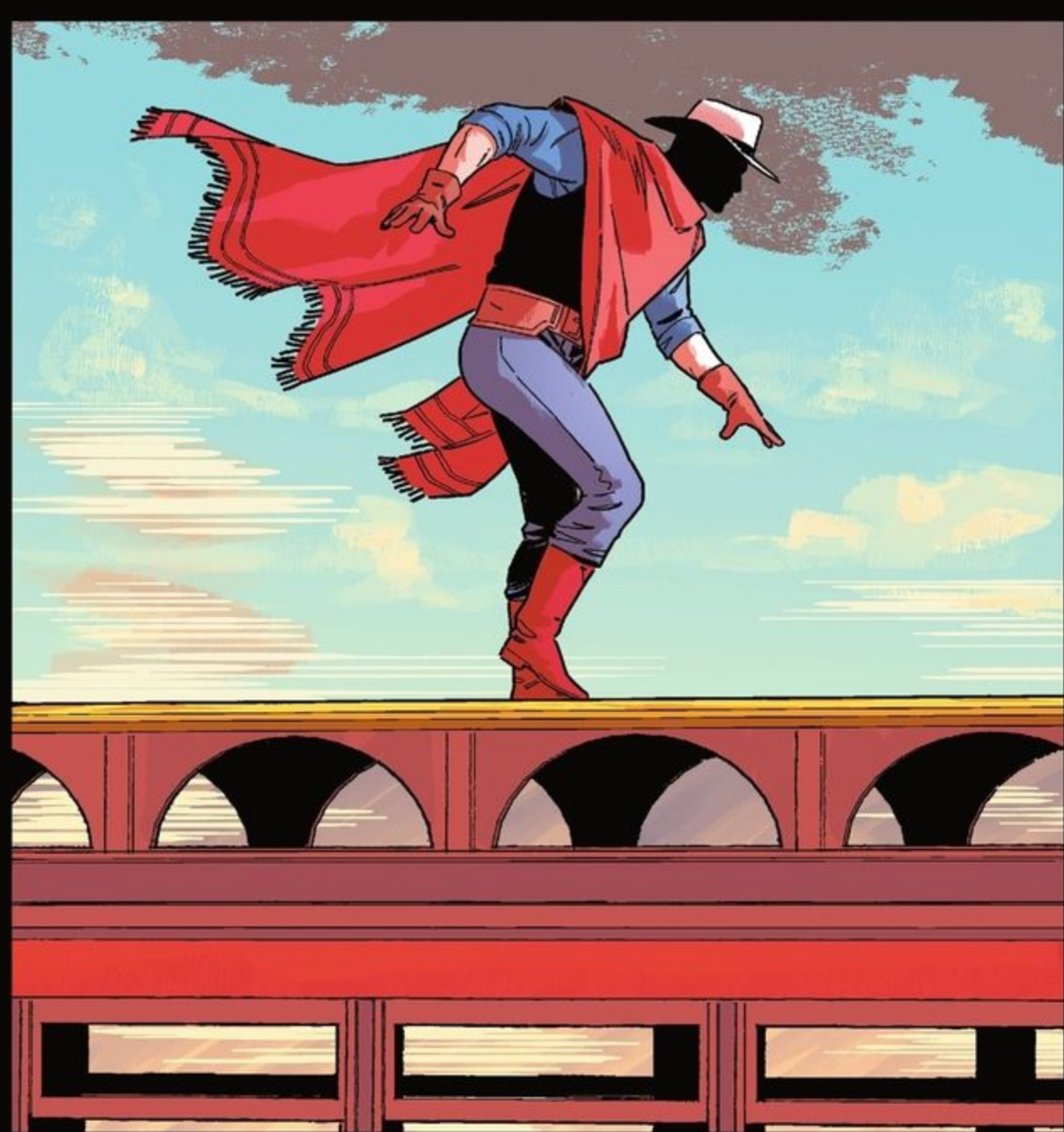
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY NONE, MA'AM.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SORT OF THING.
YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE CALLING...
...NIGHTHAWK AND Cinnamon.

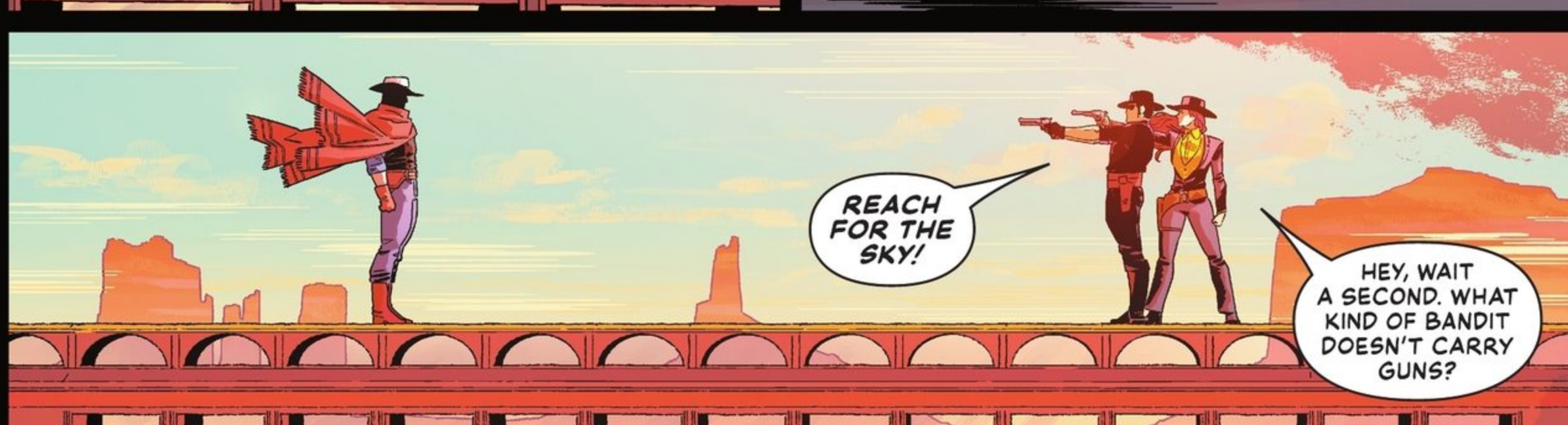
I TRULY HOPE SO.
HE'S HERE.

SHOOT, WE JUST LEFT THE STATION!
LOOK AT HIM GO. HE'S AS FAST AS THE TRAIN!

EVERYONE STAY CALM! DON'T LET YOUR BUTTS LEAVE YOUR SEATS!
BUT MAYBE CONSIDER KEEPING YOUR HEADS DOWN AND CLUTCHING YOUR VALUABLES.



WHERE IS THIS GUY HEADED?


REACH FOR THE SKY!
HEY, WAIT A SECOND. WHAT KIND OF BANDIT DOESN'T CARRY GUNS?

DANG!
THAT SMARTS.
SORRY TO DO THAT, PARDNERS.
SSSS

I DON'T LIKE SIDEARMS.
NOW IF YOU'LL KINDLY EXCUSE ME...
...I'M ROBBING THIS HERE TRAIN.
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THE MAN OF YESTERDAY!

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BLACK MANTA IN

AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM

What has Black Manta been up to since fans last saw him in the original *Aquaman* film?

We last saw Black Manta being rescued by Dr. Shin, played by Randall Park, and since then they've been putting together a crew. Black Manta still has this mission of finding and destroying Aquaman. He still has the hate, the passion, and the rage, but he needs more help. So, he's got a whole army of new cats and he's traveling all over the globe in order to find more Atlantean technology because he has to rebuild his suit.

Can you talk about some of the vehicles Black Manta pilots in the film, specifically the Octobot?

Black Manta has some of the best gadgets and vehicles in the film. There's one he pilots called the Octobot, which has a design based on real aquatic sea life—specifically an octopus. It's this round tank that has levers to control it. It's all technology that's 3,000 years old, but Black Manta's repurposed it to fit the new world. It has this retro feel, whereas in Atlantis everything is new and shiny.

How does the Black Trident play into the story of the film?

The Black Trident is an ancient Atlantean relic. It comes from King Kordax, who's also the brother of King Atlan. There was a battle for the throne and Kordax felt like he was the rightful heir, and King Atlan would not cede it. So Kordax forged this evil trident through black magic. When Black Manta and his crew stumble upon this trident 3,000 years later, Black Manta grabs it and becomes possessed by the evil spirit of Kordax.

What has it been like teaming up with director James Wan again?

My guy, James! I used to describe James like a little kid on a playground. James is like an architect. He knows the world, he's very sharp and laser-focused on creating his vision. However, he's still having a good time! I think he's really found a world that lets him use his creativity to build. He's working on something even grander than what we can see.

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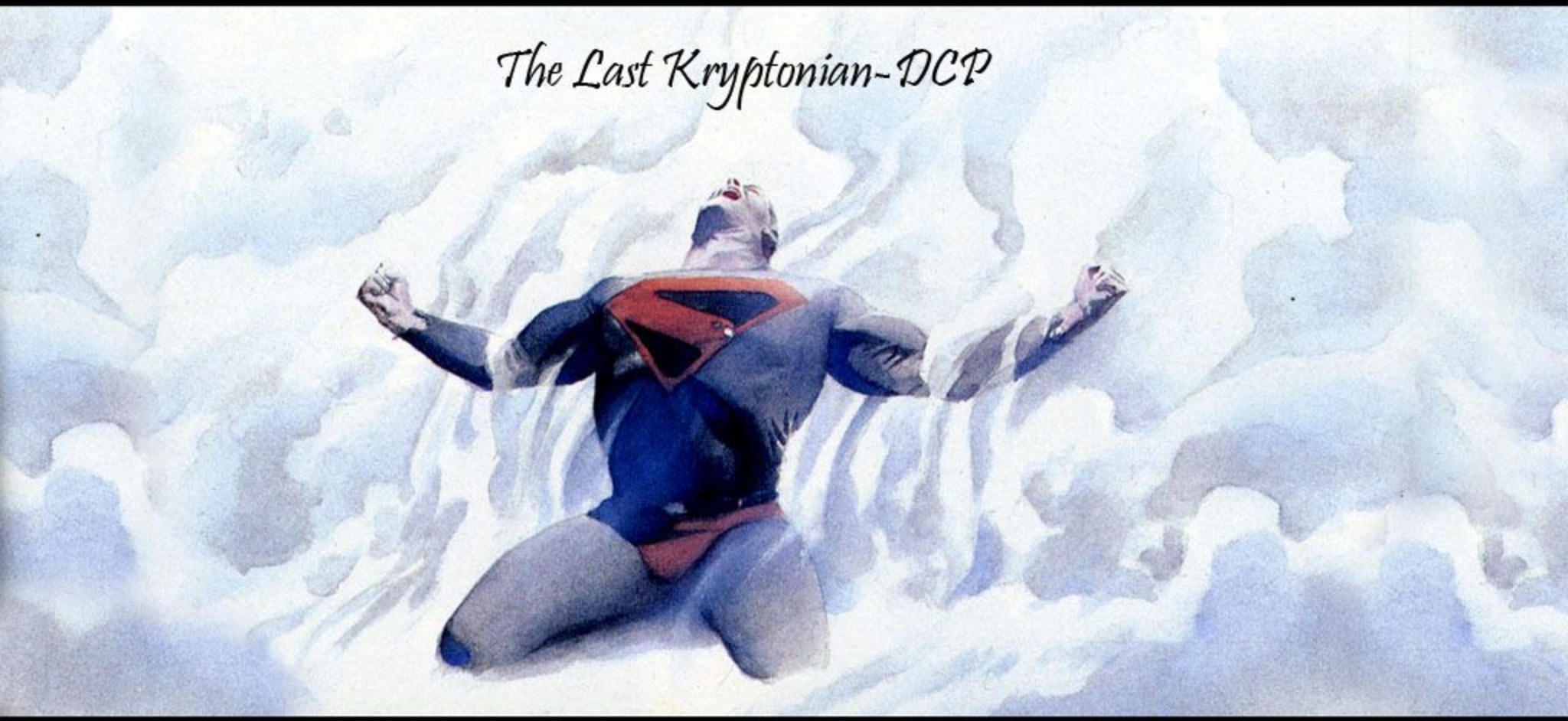
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